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Douglas Bennet
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Dear Mr. Bennet:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from Mr. Gelston McNeil of West Winfield, New York, which is located within my congressional district, relative to the death sentence imposed upon Kim Dae-Jung by the South Korean government.

Please advise me as to what action our government is taking to influence the government of South Korea to preserve the human rights of Kim Dae-Jung.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Mitchell
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Gelston McNeil

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Mr. Donald J. Mitchell, M.C.
House Office Building
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Dear Donald Mitchell,

I urge you to protest the death sentence - and imprisonment and torture of Kim Dae Jung and to support establishment of the most basic rights in South Korea. Must not obvious that Kim is popular among the people of S. Korea, since official records show he received 46% of the vote in 1971 - the highest anti president vote ever, despite unfair influence in the government - organized vote fraud?

If our claim to belief in Human Rights is to have any validity and our most basic ideals that people of S. Korea will not become bitter enemies of us, we have the obligation, encouragement must end to military and economic assistance to the totalitarian regime of South Korea is showing disregard for its people's basic rights. Public demonstrations, hunger strikes, petitions and even bloodshed in Kwangju and to oppose the oppressive government. Innocent citizens have been imprisoned, killed and tortured without public trial. Many people purged and punishments ordered.

We must never compromise the principles of our democratic ideals. Human rights are universal. Not a matter of national interest.

Please urge your colleagues to support human freedom. For further information write Amnesty International at 1 Easton Street, London WC1X 8DJ England.

Sincerely,